

Resolution No.: 15-1249
Introduced: November 15, 2005
Adopted: December 6, 2005

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Health and Human Services Committee

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation
FY06 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) -
\$108,770

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The Child Assessment Center, now asked to be known as the Treehouse, is a private-public partnership that provides "one-stop shopping" for services to sexually or physically abused children in Montgomery County. The private component of the services are provided under the auspices of the Primary Care Coalition.
3. In May, the Council appropriated \$63,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services above the funding level recommended by the County Executive for half-year funding for two part-time administrative staff and to pay the malpractice costs for the center's physician.
4. At the time of this appropriation, the Council asked the Department of Health and Human Services and the Primary Care Coalition to return to the Health and Human Services Committee with a plan that explores other options for governance for the Child Assessment Center and its plan for funding for the second half of the fiscal year.
5. On October 31, the Health and Human Services Committee received a briefing on the plans to transition the Child Assessment Center from the Primary Care Coalition to an independent non-profit entity or partner with another existing non-profit organization. During this Committee worksession, the Primary Care Coalition requested an additional appropriation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

6. The Health and Human Services Committee recommends a special appropriation to the FY06 operating budget of the Department of Health and Human Services as follows:

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Total	\$108,770	Operating	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

7. This funding will provide funding for personnel costs of Primary Care Coalition staff and costs to backfill a DHHS position that functions as the center's clinical director. In addition, the Primary Care Coalition will receive funds to pay administrative costs.
8. The County Executive does not support this appropriation at this time.
9. The source of funds for this special appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
10. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:


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The County Council states that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.

The County Council intends that the Department of Health and Human Services non-competitively contract with the Primary Care Coalition in the amount of \$60,170 to provide services in the second half of FY06. This resolution amends Section G of Resolution 15-1015 to increase the amount of funds to the Primary Care Coalition by \$60,170 for Care for Kids.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council